

30. (amended) The multi-layered thermoplastic container of claim 13 wherein:

said first polymeric layer has an average thickness of from about 5 to about 35 mils;

wherein said second intermediate layer has an average thickness of from about 0.1 to about 2 mils;

wherein said third polymeric layer has an average thickness of from about 1 to about 5 mils; and

wherein said container has an area stretch ratio of from about 1.5:1 to about 3:1.

38. (amended) The multi-layered thermoplastic container of claim 79 wherein:

said first polymeric layer has an average thickness of from about 12 to about 18 mils;

wherein said second intermediate layer has an average thickness of from about 0.1 to about 1.5 mils; and

wherein said third polymeric layer has an average thickness of from about 2 to about 4 mils.

Please add new claims 78 and 79 as follows.

78. (new) A multi-layered thermoplastic container comprising:

a first polymeric layer comprising a polyethylene terephthalate or naphthalate polymer;

a second intermediate layer selected from the group consisting of ethylene/glycidyl methacrylate co-polymer, ethylene/maleic anhydride co-polymer, ethylene/glycidyl methacrylate/methacrylate ter-polymer, ethylene/glycidyl methacrylate/ethylacrylate ter-polymer, ethylene/glycidyl methacrylate/butyl-acrylate ter-polymer, ethylene/glycidyl methacrylate/ethylhexylacrylate ter-polymer, ethylene/maleic anhydride/methacrylate ter-polymer, ethylene/maleic anhydride/ethylacrylate ter-polymer, ethylene/maleic anhydride/butylacrylate ter-polymer, ethylene/maleic anhydride/ethylhexylacrylate ter-polymer, and mixtures thereof; and

a third polymeric layer comprising high density polyethylene, low density polyethylene, linear low density polyethylene, or a blend thereof.